

# CALL THE BALL

June - July 1999

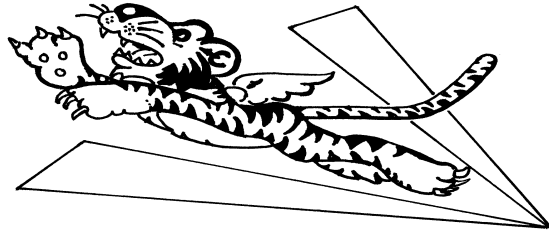
Commanders Corner: As school ends and summer vacation starts I urge you to educate your employers about our ES mission. i.e. make sure your job will allow you to participate in Civil Air Patrol activities. I have been asked in the past and am happy to provide letters to employers (similar to the Guard and Reserve letters) that spell out the important duties that you may be requested to perform. For your part it is important that we can communicate with you easily. If you have work numbers be sure we have them on our call down roster. Be sure to leave a number where you can be reached at home so that we can find you. Being able to quickly assemble an ES team is critical. Why haven't we been called to help in the Katy Porter kidnapping. It has been reported to me that this has been termed a "body" search and thus is not an activity that we are chartered to do. Why this case is a body search and other Kidnapping that we have been responsible with were not is not perfectly clear. In any event don't be discouraged. By the way I want to say how pleased I am with the promotions we are seeing. In particular way to go c/ Captain Ehresman! Our first in the units history. A great job by the cadets who went to encampment C. Schlawin and W. Reynolds. I was sent glowing reports of their activities which is greatly appreciated.

Welcome please new Senior member Travis D. Howard who is in the process of joining the unit. He has a one year mission to experience all that he can in Civil Air Patrol. His assignment is very welcome indeed!

Leadership: It is not enough to seek the loyalty of subordinates, you must earn it. Fair treatment and the human touch will help. If there is something good to which your men are entitled and are not getting, go after it and get it. Stand up for your men. While you are not to conceal their transgressions, or let their offenses go unpunished, you can certainly identify and encourage their strengths. If you can see opportunities for your subordinates to advance their own goals. When the "boss" does these things his or her rewards may be abundant. And when he or she fails to do so, the penalties may be severe. When subordinates have thoughtful reason to respect and trust their commander, or chief, the results can become important. The "First Name" Problem. There has developed in the Military/CAP an excessive use of first names by seniors to juniors, officer to officer, even officer to cadet. This problem deserves consideration. In the prescribed uses of military courtesy, members of the service are addressed by their proper titles on all official occasions. On social occasions, the practice should be governed by good taste. In athletic sports, or hunting and fishing trips, or other activities wholly unconnected with official relationships. It is merely two or more kindred spirits out for the enjoyment of a hobby. This discussion pertains to the use of first names on official duty. This is not to advocate the "stuffed shirt" attitude, or the martinet. It states a principle with which you can live. As leaders, officers have stern duties involving discipline, reward and punishment, selections for promotion, selections for favored assignments or hazardous duty. Officers must never play favorites or by their actions permit the suspicion that they are doing so. Officers simply cannot be on terms of personal familiarity today, and tomorrow, when duty requires that they admonish and individual, revert to the official title. There is just one rule to follow on this first-name business in official relationships: Don't use it.

SERVICE By Peter J. Nebergall, PhD

Not long ago, Madeline Albright, when confronted with the weakened, over-committed, under-equipped condition of our ground forces, facing yet another "peacekeeping" commitment, responded: "They'll do what they're told; they're professionals." I was horrified, by the inhumanity of her statement, by its callous indifference to the citizens who serve, and by its total disregard of history. Perhaps other countries have had such "professionals" as Ms. Albright conjures, a "military class" -- but we are not Prussians, no matter how much she and her master may wish we were. Dr. Nebergall touches upon one of the intangibles of military service -- citizenship. Citizenship confers responsibilities and obligations. To those who choose to raise their right arm and swear an oath of service, perhaps you need to expect more from your civilian leadership. In Robert Heinlein's books, only those who serve their country are allowed to vote. Editors Note: A interesting concept. I suggest you read "StarShip Troopers" by R. Heinlein and ignore the awful Hollywood movie of the same name. Why do you serve? Is it the joy of obedience? Is it delight in furthering the ambitions of your leaders? I think not. I think you serve out of a sense of citizenship, of sharing the responsibility for living where you live and being what you are. You certainly did not take the oath for the power it confers or the riches it brings -- and your choice, like your



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profession, is worthy of more respect than our current crop of leaders see fit to offer.

Some History "facts" revisited by Capt. Craswell

On the topic of books and the Hollywood interpretation of same I would venture the following thought. Almost everything I've "learned" from Movies and TV have turned out to be false in some way. Certainly some of it is due to the time constraints of Movies. And much has been said about the liberal bias found in the entertainment industry so I won't dwell on it. What I do want to suggest is that you pick up the habit of reading. Read everyday! Reading the first hand accounts of participants of D-Day is far more valuable than watching "Saving Private Ryan." For example, if you form your opinions of General MacArthur based on the "opinions" of the media you will have facts such as "He left his aircraft on the ground with days worth of warning after the Pearl Harbor Attack. If you read the bio of Japanese Pilot Saburo Sakai (Who was actually there in his Zero attacked the Philippines) you will know that the Philippines were on the other side of the date line. Thus Dec 8th in the Philippines was Dec 7th in Pearl Harbor. Yes there was a delay between the attack (Due to fog in Formosa) of a few hours. However, Army Aircraft were in the air. Sakai reported it in his book! True many bombers had returned to base to refuel when the delayed attack found them on the ground and the P40 fighter cover over Clark Base was scattered or shot down. So how could this be when we KNOW it was MacArthur who had all his planes on the ground? The Press started to refer to him as "Dugout Doug" when he left his command behind at Bataan. Now, no one bothers to mention that orders for him to return were ignored all the way up to the President. When the order from the President was received he grudgingly complied. Should he have disobeyed a direct order from the president in time of war? We "know" he did later. Right? Last we know from the media that he showed disrespect for and disobeyed orders from President Truman during the Korean War / "Police Action." His disrespect was the infamous failure to salute the President when he greeted him on Midway Island during the height of the Korean War. \*Few remember the row of Admirals during the Japanese surrender who did a left face when a right face was ordered to a chorus of laughter from the enlisted men. What I'm saying is that most people don't understand that the General had very little practice in rendering a salute to a superior. Who would a 5 star general have the occasion to salute? I suggest that this was an unintentional slip not an intentional slight. When I watched the newsreel of this infamous meeting I didn't see any snubbing of the CC but rather warm smiles and a handshake. You would think anyone wanting to snub the president would be more blatant. As to the firing and failure to obey the orders of the president it is clear that publicly expressing an opinion on how a "War/Police Action" is fought is a crime in the politically correct world that was forming in the mid 50s and is now ingrained in our society. His strongly held belief that micro management of the Military from civilian leaders is a disaster in my opinion has proven deadly true in Korea, Vietnam and Somalia. It is also my opinion that expressing his beliefs (with the intention of saving his mens lives and winning the Korean War \*It was a War btw) with full knowledge that his actions would result in his firing was a noble act. However this is an opinion. Form your own! Read and study history! \*Next Month Patton and the "Slapping" incident.

AEROSPACE NEWS by C/MSgt E Reynolds

When five B-1B bombers were ordered to deploy to Europe March 29 in support of NATO operations in Yugoslavia, it marked a milestone in modern bomber history. Operation Allied Force is the first time the Air Force's heavy bomber fleet -- the B-2 Spirit, B-52 Stratofortress and B-1B Lancer—are being used together operationally, according to Maj. J.C. Valle, deputy chief of Air Combat Command's weapons and tactics branch. "This major milestone for the bomber force shows the pride and professionalism of the entire Air Combat Command team," said Lt. Gen. Tom Keck, ACC vice commander. "We're also proving that the Air Force is ready

and continues to employ the expeditionary aerospace force concept." The B-2 stealth bomber made its operational debut March 24 when two Spirits dropped 32 2,000-pound joint direct attack munitions during a 31-hour, nonstop mission from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. "The jets performed perfectly and the crews performed even better," said Brig. Gen. Leroy Barnidge, 509<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing commander. The B-2's low-observable, or "stealth," characteristics give it the unique ability to penetrate an enemy's most sophisticated defenses and threaten its most valued and heavily defended targets. During the operation the B-2 is being used in a direct attack role employing Global Positioning System-guided munitions, said Valle. Six B-52s from Barksdale AFB, La., were sent to Royal Air Force Fairford, England, Feb. 17 and took part in the first wave of air strikes March 24. Four additional B-52 bombers and about 30 people from the 5<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing at Minot AFB, N.D., were ordered to deploy to Fairford March 27. The B-52 is a long-range, heavy bomber that can perform air interdiction, offensive counterair and maritime operations. The B-52 is being used as a standoff missile shooter during the operation, said Valle. The B-1 is the backbone of the bomber fleet, and provides massive firepower, including general-purpose unguided weapons, cluster bomb units and GPS-guided weapons. The B-1 carries more weapons than any other weapon system in the Air Force, according to Valle. The B-1B made its operational debut Dec. 1 over the skies of Iraq during Operation Desert Fox. While the milestone is important historically, the much more important factor operationally is integrating all three bombers with the other combat air forces' assets, Valle said. "Integrating all aspects of combat air power is the key to successful bomber employment," Valle said. (Courtesy of ACC News Service) This Month will be the last issue of Aerospace news by MSgt Reynolds. Well done! Starting next issue look for C/ B B. Flobeck to take over the controls.

MINNESOTA WING RAD 73 ROUTINE 300420z JUNE 1999



FROM : Group III/CC  
TO: All Members MN Wing  
There will be a Change of Command of North Hennepin Composite Squadron at 1900 on Tuesday, 29-June at HQ, North Hennepin Squadron at the Crystal Airport in Crystal, MN. 1LT Jon Smart will be taking command from CPT Joe Volding. All MN Wing members and guests are invited to attend.

#### MEMORANDUM FOR ALL UNITS MINNESOTA WING

FROM: Minnesota Wing Headquarters

SUBJECT: Change of Date: Ground Team Training Exercise  
now July 10-11, 1999

1. A Wing ES Exercise is planned for July 10-11, 1999 (Air Force mission number NCLRMN99-010).
2. This funded mission was previously scheduled for 19-20 June, but the dates have been changed to avoid conflict with the Wing cadet encampment.
3. The base will be St. Croix Squadron Headquarters at Lake Elmo Airport.
4. The ES training will include both classroom sessions and field sorties.
5. The central theme of the course will be to focus on the needs of ground team leader trainees, but fully qualified ground team

leaders and members as well as ground team member trainees will also benefit from the training. Members having only a General ES rating may only participate in the classroom sessions (on Saturday morning).

6. All participants must bring appropriate ES credentials. All participants must have a CAPF 101 card.

7. Camp sites will be available at the base. As always, cadets staying overnight must have pre-designated chaperones staying on base.

8. Anyone wishing to teach or get more information should contact me at my home, 612-431-3161, or by email, kegel@mm.com.  
Before you mess something up

# THINK!

## MINNESOTA WING RAD 82 ROUTINE 202220z JULY 1999

FROM: MINNESOTA WING / CAC CHAIR

TO: ALL CAC REPRESENTATIVES MINNESOTA WING

There will be a Cadet Advisory Council Meeting on Saturday, August 21, 1999 at Wing Headquarters from 0900 to 1230 hours. A reminder, a CAPF 2a must be in to Wing HQ/DCP for all representatives. Direct any questions to C/Lt Col Jim Agan at 612-454-2384 or e-mail at jimbey@aol.com. If anyone has any proposals for the upcoming CAC meeting, could you please send me a copy either over e-mail or by snail mail so I can add it to the agenda and get copies of it out to the representatives? Thanks!! C/Lt Col Chet A. Wilberg CAC Recorder (elect)

Send any proposals to:

2448 Lost Lake Road  
Mound, MN 55364-1661  
or  
cwilberg@mnwg.cap.gov

A Cadet Advisory Council Meeting has been scheduled for 0900 on 21 August at Wing Headquarters. Please note that new representatives (those appointed for the 1999-2000 term) should attend. Many units have still not appointed new CAC representatives yet. Please submit a CAPF 2a for the new reps to Wing HQ/DCP. Representatives must be appointed in order to receive credit for attending meetings. Representatives who will serve a second term this year must be reappointed on a new CAPF 2a. Please contact me with any questions. (Phone: 612-454-2384, email: jimbey@aol.com)

Jim Agan, C/Lt Col, CAP  
MNWG CAC Chair-Elect

Here's some information I received from Charlotte Crowe at National HQs:

Thought you all would like to know about CAP's involvement in the search effort for JFK Jr. over the weekend. Civil Air Patrol launched its search effort 6-7 am Saturday morning. Fifteen planes and 146 volunteers from five wings were involved in the search. Our operations ceased about 5 pm Saturday after the Coast Guard determined debris discovered on a beach belonged to Kennedy's missing aircraft. Rhode Island PAO Brian Cooper served as IO. National Headquarters staff was called in as local experts for media in Birmingham and Montgomery. You may share this with local media if you wish and perhaps offer up your staff members as local SAR experts. Maj. Robert Johnson MNWG PAO

## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP UNITS

FROM: HQCAP/DO 105 South Hansell Street Maxwell AFB AL 36112-6332

SUBJECT: Inland SAR Coordination Course Schedule for Fiscal Year 2000

The FY 2000 Inland SAR Coordination Course schedule is listed below. This is an outstanding course for our mission managers. CAP applicants should be mission coordinators/incident commanders or nearing that status; pilots observer scanner; ops, planning, logistics, admin chiefs, and others with substantial CAP emergency services experience who are committed to progressing to mission management positions in emergency services. Each class has 24 openings with six of those openings reserved for CAP. To secure a CAP slot, submit a completed and signed CAP Form 17 through your unit, wing, and region commander to HQ CAP/DOS. To preclude "form loss syndrome," you should fax a copy of your original application to us to establish your intent to attend (or email intent). Application deadlines are not later than 60 days before class start date (we have a 45 day prior suspense). Students must firmly commit to attend when our list is finalized and submitted to the SAR School. Please contact us if you have to make special plans (vacation) to attend. Do not assume or hope that you will be selected. While the classes are offered free of charge, each student or their organization is responsible for all personal expenses, travel, lodging, meals, etc.

Number	Date	Location
00-01	11-15 Oct 99	Nevada - Reno
00-02	18-22 Oct 99	North Dakota - Grand Forks
00-03	15-19 Nov 99	Florida - Orlando
00-04	06-10 Dec 99	Arizona - Yuma
00-05	10-14 Jan 00	Virginia - USCG RTC Yorktown
00-06	14-18 Feb 00	Alaska - Anchorage
00-07	06-10 Mar 00	Virginia - USCG RTC Yorktown
00-08	27-31 Mar 00	Louisiana - West Monroe
00-09	17-21 Apr 00	Montana - Helena
00-10	01-05 May 00	Ohio - Columbus
00-11	15-19 May 00	Pennsylvania - Fort Indiantown Gap
00-12	26-30 Jun 00	Virginia - USCG RTC Yorktown
00-13	28Aug-1 Sep 00	Virginia - USCG RTC Yorktown

Questions may be addressed to Pete kalisky or John Desmarais at 105 South Hansell Street, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332; 334-9534225/4228; Fax 334-953-6342; e-mail: pkalisky or jdesmarais@cap.af.mil.

GLEN D. ATWELL, Col, CAP Director, Operations

I am looking for a project officer for the Minnesota State Fair. Volunteers please contact me at: SF1, cc.mnwg.cap@juno.com, (612) 884-9961, or FAX (612) 884-9912. Kevin F. Sliwinski, Colonel, CAP Minnesota Wing Commander cc.mnwg.cap@juno.com Phone: (612) 884-9961 FAX: (612) 884-9912

The U.S. Air Force Reserve has requested the assistance of the Civil Air Patrol during their up-coming Military Expo on July 31-August 1 at the Twin Cities AFRB. It will involve Military Active, Guard and Reserve members and veterans service organizations from the Twin Cities and surrounding areas. The hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. both days.

Included in the activities will be The Moving Wall (Vietnam Veteran's Memorial), the U.S. Army Drill Team, live bands, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VFW, an Air Force flight trainer simulator, hot air balloon, Navy combat aircraft and exhibits, military equipment and Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve aircraft, living history re-enactments. We need between 30-40 CAP volunteers to assist with USAFR's various needs. This is an opportunity to recruit, enjoy the displays and activities and be a part of military aviation. All units are invited to participate. If you need more information, please contact LtC Pat Slice at 612-431-5936 or via e-mail at pslice@isd.net

For those of you that are up early on Sundays: WLTE 103 FM will present "Northern Lights", with AnnaMarie Ronning who will broadcast her interview with the St. Croix Squadron PAO and CC on Sunday, August 1. WLTE-FM 102.9 "The Lite" between 0600 and 0700, and WXPT-FM 104.1 "The Point" between 0630 and 0730 Not exactly a Prime Time show but for the two of us, it was an "illuminating new experience". (We had a script full of facts to present but that is evidently not the way it works!) For those of you that may listen to the program, please forward your comments and constructive criticism to me or Lt. Deborah Feil and we will attempt to put together an "advisory paper" for use by anybody else that may attempt a similar first time effort (for us) to publicize CAP. LTC Roger R. Brogren  
St. Croix Squadron/CC

#### **MINNESOTA WING RAD 78 ROUTINE 141745z JULY 1999**

FROM: MINNESOTA WING / DCP  
TO: ALL MEMBERS MINNESOTA WING

Cadet Programs is looking for input as it develops the Drug Demand Reduction grant for 2000. DAR project ideas should be submitted to Ch Mikitta at (651) 388-7288 home, (651) 385-6360 work SF7 or dmikitta@hotmail.com. Deadline is 15 Aug 1999. For more information refer to CAPP 55.

#### **MINNESOTA WING RAD 77 ROUTINE 141730z JULY 1999**

FROM: MINNESOTA WING / DCP  
TO: ALL MEMBERS MINNESOTA WING

Applications for Senior and Cadet Executive Staff for the 2 encampments being planned for summer 2000. CAPF 31 should be submitted to MN Wing Cadet Programs Deadline is 1 Sep 1999. More information in the Cadet Program July newsletter or contact Ch Mikitta at 651 388 7288 home, 651 385 6360 work SF7 or dmikitta@hotmail.com

#### **MINNESOTA WING RAD 76 ROUTINE 092245z JULY 1999**

FROM: GROUP 2 / CC  
TO ALL SENIORS MINNESOTA WING

A Squadron Leadership School (SLS) will be given July 31-Aug. 1

at the Crow Wing Squadron headquarters at Brainerd. Application should be made on CAPF 17 and mailed to: LTC David Skaar 1265 Lakeview Lane Hutchinson, MN 55350-9075 Fee is \$10.00 - checks made payable to: MN Wing - CAP. For more information contact: LTC David W. Skaar - Tel: 320-587-2358 or e-mail: dwskaar@hutchtel.net Class size limit: 25